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DRAKE. [^M

nor come near to the port of San Juan de Ulua,
nor to any
other port."

To the which, I answered " That I would
willingly obey." " Yea/⁵ said he? " see thou do
so ! And thy fellows also,
they shall have the like charge."

So I remained at my science [*trade*] the full
time [*i.e., three years, 1578-1581*], and learned
the art.*

At the end [*or rather, in the midst of hts
apprenticeship, see p. 296*] whereof, there came
news to Mexico^ that there were certain
Englishmen landed^ with a great power, at the
port of Acapulco upon the South Sea; and that
they were coming to Mexico, to take the spoil
thereof: which wrought a marvellous great fear
amongst them; and many of those that were
rich, began to shift for themselves, their wives
and children.

Upon which hurly burly, the Viceroy caused a
general Muster to be made of all the Spaniards
in Mexico, and there were found to the number
of 7,000 and odd householders of Spaniards In
the city and suburbs; and of single men,
unmarried, the number of 3,000; and of *Mestizos*
(which are counted to be the sons of Spaniards
born of Indian women) 30,000.

Then were PAUL HORSEWELL and I, MILES
PHILLIPS, sent for before the Viceroy ; and were
examined ** If we did know an Englishman
named FRANCIS DRAKE, which was brother to
Captain HAWKINS? "

To which we answered, that " Captain
HAWKINS had not any brother but one ; who was
a man of the age of threescore years or
thereabouts, and was now Governor of Plymouth
in England " [*p. 205*],

And then he demanded of us, " If we knew one
FRANCIS DRAKE ? "

* Sir FRANCIS DRAKE was at Acapulco m March, 1579:
by which time, PHILLIPS'S sentence had expded, and he
is apprenticed to the Silk Weaver; therefore his
sentence must have been for the three (not five years)
1575-15 78. Then he served an apprenticeship of three
years (i 578-1581) ; and, apparently, afterwards,
continued as a workman with his Master till he made his
escape home in the Spanish Fleet of the autumn of
1582 ; finally reaching England in February, 1583, which
was in the *sixteenth* year of his absence, or as he roughly
reckons it, at /. 306, *after sixteen years' absence*.